UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-against-

Docket No. 05 CR 101

JOSE MALDONADO

OCT 13 2005

CONSENT TO HAVE A PLEA TAKEN BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The United States Magistrate Judge has informed me of my right to have my plea taken before a United States District Judge. I have further been advised, however, that I may consent to have the plea taken before a Magistrate Judge. I understand that I will suffer no prejudice if I refuse to so consent. I further understand that if I do not consent, the District Court Judge assigned rather than the Magistrate Judge will conduct the plea allocution.

After having discussed this matter fully with my counsel, I hereby consent to enter my plea before a Magistrate Judge.

JOSE R MALDONADO
Defendant

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Defendant's Attorney

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U. S. Attorney
by AUSA

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
10/13/05

BEFORE: s/Cheryl Pollak
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
CHERYL POLLAK